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Training: Conducting Effective Interviews

This one day course assists environmental regulatory/inspection personnel in improving their interviewing skills to gain accurate information during inspections.

Monday March 30, 2009 in Modesto
Wednesday April 1, 2009 in Woodland
Friday April 3, 2009 in San Jose

The course is free but to attend you must apply and be approved by Cal/EPA and your supervisor to attend. Each course is limited to 50 participants. **To apply for this course, email John Bell (jbelle@ciwmb.ca.gov) with all of the information listed below.**

- Name
- Title
- Agency
- Program Area (CUPA, LEA, UST, air, pesticide, etc.)
- Email address
- Phone number
- Duties (particularly as they relate to enforcement)
- Date and location where you would like to attend.

You must apply on your own behalf; applications made by other than the applicant will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The deadline to apply is: March 13, 2009. This class is for government staff only.

Cal/EPA Basic Inspector Academy

The Basic Inspector Academy (BIA) is designed to teach environmental agency inspectors and other environmental compliance professional's core knowledge and skills to encourage cross media awareness needed to conduct quality inspections. The four-day classroom portion covers the following practical skills for environmental inspectors: inspection overview; elements of a violation; report writing; interviewing.

April 7-10, 2009, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm each day, LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

For additional information go to:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Training/> - Basic Enforcement Training or call (916)322-2227

To register go to: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/regform-online.htm>

16th Annual Cal/EPA Environmental Enforcement Symposium

Please consider attending our 16th annual Cal/EPA Environmental Enforcement Symposium to be held this year from May 26-29, 2009, in Napa, California. Listed below is the webpage with information on the dates, hotel, trade show exhibition and other Symposium logistical information.

Major topics covered this year will be:

Community Involvement: The Next Step in Environmental Enforcement, Cosco Busan Bay Bridge Oil Spill Defense's Perspective, What Your District Attorney Can Do For You, Enforcement Issues with Abandoned Properties

For more information please follow the link below:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/enfsym.htm>

To register:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/enfsym.htm#registration>

Environmental Enforcement Training Napa, Sonoma and Marin Counties

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Blvd Suite A
Santa Rosa CA 95403-1072

March 17, 2009 ** Note Date Change

This one-day course is offered to government staff that work in Napa, Sonoma, and Marin Cruz Counties. It is designed to help regulatory and enforcement personnel improve their skills in conducting effective and professional environmental inspections and investigations. The course includes the following subjects:

1. Access, Entry and Warrants
2. Conducting Effective Interviews
3. Elements of a Violation
4. Task Force meetings
5. Gathering Evidence
6. Report Writing
7. Enforcement Options
8. Case Development & Referral

The course is free, but pre-registration is required as space is limited.

To register, e-mail John Steude at: JSteude@waterboards.ca.gov.

This course is provided by the California Environmental Protection Agency and the North Coast Regional water Quality Control Board.

For more information on Cal/EPA training, see <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Training>.

Department of Toxic Substances Control

RCRA LQG Reports Now Due to DTSC

The RCRA Large Quantity Generator inspection and enforcement quarterly report for the period covering October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 was due to DTSC by February 1, 2009. If you missed submitting this data for any other previous quarter(s), you may submit that as well. The request is being made pursuant to section 15290(g), title 27, California Code of Regulations.

If you did not do any inspections or take any enforcement at a RCRA LQG facility, please just send a letter, or email note, letting us know that you didn't have any activities to report. Please let us know if you have entered requested information in Cal/EPA's Unified Program Data System (UPDS).

Please submit the LQG reports by March 13, 2009 to Asha Arora at: DTSC, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710, or aarora@dtsc.ca.gov. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Asha Arora at aarora@dtsc.ca.gov or (510) 540-3874.

State Water Resources Control Board

None

California Emergency Management Agency

None

Office of the State Fire Marshal

None